Hi, I’m a baptist- (just handing out gospel cards) - I have a question - If you were to die today, are you 100% sure that you have eternal life? (If sure: Really, how do you know?) The Bible says there’s one thing we must do to be saved — it’s by trusting in Jesus Christ (as Savior) and it’s not by any of the works that we do — Acts 16:31). Would you like to know for sure? It will only take 3 minutes. – Person – sure.

First of all, the Bible says that we’re all sinners - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23). So we’re all guilty of lying, stealing, coveting, etc. And the Bible says there’s a consequence for our sins (For the wages of sin is death – Romans 6:23). So the wages (or penalty) we earn for our sins is death. Not just a physical death but also a second death in hell— And all liars shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone which is the second death (Revelation 21:8). So we’re all guilty, right? - Person - Yes. (We’ve all lied before, and we’ve all done worse things than lying. So we all deserve hell as a punishment for our sins).

But there’s good news - the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord (Romans 6:23b). (You know who Jesus is, right?) - Person - Yes. He is the Son of God (God manifest in the flesh). The Bible says that Christ died for our sins, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day in order to pay for all of our sins and to save us from hell (1Corinthians 15:3-4). So when Jesus died on the cross for our sins, it’s just as if He had done them Himself — He was being punished in our place (**1Peter 2 :24). He paid the full price (or penalty) for our sins. He is the propitiation (or payment) for our sins. **Romans 6 :23a ‘’For the wages (or payment) of sin is death’’.

The one thing the Bible says we must do to be saved is : ‘’Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved’’ (Acts 16:31). To believe means to trust — it doesn’t mean to only believe that Jesus exists, but to actually trust Him to save us personally. To believe on Him means that we put all of our faith and trust in what He did to save us - His death, burial and resurrection as the full payment for our sins (which guarantees us eternal life). And it’s not by any of our good works or efforts – Not by works, lest any man should boast (Ephesians 2 :9). So it’s not by being a good person, or by turning from sin, or by joining a church, or by being baptized, or anything, but it’s simply receiving what Jesus did for us (His sacrifice, His precious blood) as payment for our sins. (No amount of good works can make up for the bad that we've done).

And once we believe on Christ, we’re saved forever and we become a child of God. Now, if we do good things after we’re saved, God will bless us, and if we commit sins, God will discipline (or correct) us on this earth, but no matter what we do afterwards we can never lose eternal life or go to hell (because it is a gift). (We can't earn it, neither can we lose it). (All of our sins (past, present and future) are forgiven by the blood of Jesus when we believe on Him. This is called the eternal security of the believer).

So the one thing we must do to receive the gift of eternal life is to call on Jesus by faith - That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus (if you ask Him to save you), and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Questions: Before we call on the name of the Lord, I have a few questions for you — 1. Do you believe that we're all sinners? (Yes- Romans 3:23, 1John 1:8), 2, Do you believe that we all deserve hell for our sins (Yes — Revelation 21:8 (all liars), Romans 3 :4) 3. Do you believe that Jesus died, was buried and rose again to pay for all of your sins and to save you from hell? (Yes- 1John 2:2), 4. What do you believe a person must do in order to be saved? (Believe/rely on Christ- Acts 16:31), 5. Is believing (relying) on Jesus alone good enough or do you also have to be a good person, keep the commandments, repent from sin, and do good works ? (Yes – only believe — Romans 4:5, 11:6), 6. Is there anything you can do to lose eternal life? (No — because it's a gift - John. 10:28), 7. What do you believe about all of this? Does it make sense to you? – Yes, I believe it -

Prayer: If you're sincere, I would like to lead you in a prayer in order to ask Jesus to save you. Repeat after me: '' Dear Jesus, I know I'm a sinner, and I deserve to go to hell. But I believe that you died on the cross, were buried and rose again to pay for all of my sins. Please save me right now and give me eternal life. I'm trusting in you alone as my Savior — apart from my works. Thank you for saving me, in Jesus' name, Amen."' - So, if you have sincerely asked Jesus to save you, you're saved forever - ''He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life''(John 3:36). You can write down today's date as your salvation day - congrats!